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## THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM

This is a fitting time of the year to remind ourselves that the holiday we celebrate this month - the Fourth of July - has another name. It is Independence Day - American Independence Day. It has been the fashion in recent years to sneer at patriotism, at respect for American traditions. It also has been the fashion for political leaders to pervert these traditions, to use them to disguise policies which are the direct opposite of everything for which the American Founding Fathers

stood and fought 185 years ago.

In any case, in this period of one international crisis after another, we might consider the true meaning of Independence Day. And don't let any fake intellectual throw you off by telling you to quit living in the past, that all that was a long, long time ago. Principles are principles, no matter what their age - and while events and circumstances change, principles do not. When the Founders of the American Republic promulgated the Declar-

ation of Independence nearly two centuries ago, they were stating the principle of human freedom. That principle has not changed in 200 or 2000 years, nor will it change in the next 2000 years.

But the significant fact for us today is that the American colonists fought and died to establish and preserve the principle of human freedom against what was then one of the greatest powers in the world. There were voices then, too, which told them they were weak, unprepared, not strong enough nor brave enough to challenge the power of the British Empire. These were the voices which counseled the ancient version of modern-day 'peaceful co-existence.' But the Founding Fathers did not listen. They knew for what they stood and

were willing, if need be, to fight for it. It is well to remember that the cannonballs which exploded on Bunker Hill looked just as formidable and equally as destructive to our ancestors as a nuclear bomb does to us. But they knew that a principle is not successfully defended by the timid and the appeaser. And so they bequeathed to us a republic and a system that made us great, powerful and free. Do we warrant this priceless heritage by shivering in our boots every time a frightened Red slave-master shouts his threats? On that first American Independence Day a band of brave men 'pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor' to the battle for human freedom. Can we do less today?

## SHOULD RELIEFERS WORK?

It is good to report that another attribute of our ancestors - the spirit of self-reliance and self-respect - seems to be coming alive again. But it is a measure of how far we have wandered from our heritage as an independent people that the idea of 'something-for-nothing' among some of our citizens still

has its militant defenders.

We are thinking particularly of an interesting experiment which is about to be launched in a thriving city in New York State. Newburgh is a town of 40,000 people located on the Hudson River about 60 miles north of New York City. Like most other American cities and towns, it has a

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problem with always-increasing welfare costs — larger and larger sums spent on growing numbers of people who are unwilling or unable to work. Newburgh, in order to hold its place as the commercial and industrial center of the county in which it is located, wants to make some extensive capital improvements. But the city has an annual budget of three million dollars. One-third of this three million dollars is spent on relief handouts of various kinds, which go to five percent of the city's population.

Newburgh recently got a new City Manager and, with the support of the City Council, he has issued a new set of rules to govern the payment

of relief money in his town. The chief features of the new rules are as follows:

Newburgh is going to stop being a haven for people who come there merely to live free, without working, on the rest of the taxpayers. Hereafter, a new resident of the town who applies for relief must show that he came to Newburgh on the promise of a job which he failed to get. Next, all able-bodied men now getting relief payments will continue to get them only if they work 40 hours a week for the Building Maintenance Department of the city. Third, unmarried women who make a career of living on relief by having one illegitimate child after another, will be warned that they will receive no relief payments for future illegitimate offspring. There are other rules having to do with periodic checking of families and others who get relief payments to see if they are still needed.

It is difficult to understand how any self-respecting American could object to these eminently sane rules, particularly as somewhat similar ones have been instituted in a few other places with very good results. And it is encouraging to know

that the great majority of the letters which Newburgh's City Manager has received from around the country praise him highly for this sensible approach to the problem of relief handouts.

But he is coming in for his share of criticism too. Some of it comes from the Mayor of the town and from state relief officials, who say the new rules violate state and federal rules on the dispensation of taxpayers' money. It does not seem to occur to them that maybe these rules need changing. However, perhaps it is understandable that the politicians should object. If Newburgh and other cities and towns can cut down their welfare expenditures, while at the same time getting a lot of freeloaders back into productive work, it might force

a goodly number of welfare bureaucrats to look for productive jobs too. What is not quite so understandable is that some of the criticism of the City Manager is coming from certain church officials. It is natural, of course, that they are concerned about the plight of innocent children and sick or disabled people. But they are helping neither these unfortunates nor the rest of the people when they oppose attempts to curb the ever-growing welfare abuses which could eventually wreck the entire community. Also, it is asked, have these churchmen forgotten their ancient mission of taking care of their own, instead of foisting their support on the whole community and building a welfare bureaucracy in the bargain?

## PC AND "DISCRIMINATION"

Now a brief note on the latest news involving that pet brainchild of the New Frontier — the Peace Corps. The President's brother-in-law, Mr. R. Sargent Shriver, who heads the Peace Corps, says that none of his corpsmen will be sent to any nation that practices racial or religious discrimination. Such discrimination is

not a laughing matter, but you can hardly blame cynical Washington for chuckling at this ukase. As one wag remarked: 'That ought to end the Peace Corps right now. Where the devil does Shriver think he's going to find a country, especially in Africa or Asia, that does not practice racial or religious discrimination?'

This, of course, is not meant as a defense of the practice, but Americans must be getting pretty sick of being told that anything that happens in Alabama or Georgia or, for that matter, in California or New York, with regard to race relations is hurting our prestige in countries which are old hands at the worse kind of racial and religious discrimination. The first Peace Corps foray is set for Tanganyika in Africa. Only last year a

visiting geologist was killed there by a tribe whose witch doctor gave them the sign for murder. But maybe that's not discrimination in the bright lexicon of the New Frontier. Anyway, another Washington wiseacre thought Mr. Shriver's order was a good way to build up racial and religious discrimination in other countries. They may figure that's the best method of keeping the Kiddie Korpsmen out of their midst.

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 7/2/61

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## Book Review BATTLE FOR THE MIND

BRAINWASHING by Edward Hunter, 329 pages, *The Book-mailer*, N.Y., \$5.00; (also available in condensed form, without new material, in *All-American Book Digest*, Volume 5, \$1.00).

This is a new edition of a book which ought to be a classic so long as communism survives. There is an added new chapter with the intriguing title 'Now It's Our Turn' containing an analysis of the trial of U-2 pilot Powers, and material which has a definite bearing on the recent disgraceful attacks on Major-General Edwin Walker.

When we received back across the line at Panmunjom men who had been captives in Red China most of us heard for the first time the term 'brainwashing.' Before that, the world generally was unaware of brainwashing, the technique used by the communists for winning converts to their strange ideology, when Edward Hunter, veteran news correspondent, began to amass factual evidence that would show the exact nature of this technique and perhaps arm the free world with the means for combatting it. To get the full story he talked with hundreds

of Red China's prisoners all over the world. He checked and compared their stories to learn how brainwashing is accomplished and submitted his facts and findings to a leading psychiatrist for verification and explanation.

Hunter's book is one of the most important contributions made to an understanding of communism at work and to what we of the West are going to have to do if we are to avoid becoming just so many more human automatons in an inhuman slave-world.

Arresting and revealing as are the stories of individuals who lived through brainwashing (and of those who didn't) the greater message this book conveys is: Brainwashing is not merely a technique for getting 'confessions' out of captured soldiers; it is the basic stuff by means of which people in Red-controlled countries are kept in submission.

The author takes the mystery out of brainwashing. He reveals it for what it is - a diabolical reverse process of the very techniques we use for curing mental illness. The communists really induce a degree of insanity in populations. They maintain that mental unbalance - must continually maintain it - in

order to keep their control.

If that strikes you as an incredible statement, reserve your opinion until you have read Hunter's careful study of brainwashing, its origins, applications, implications, and how we can combat it.

If you have ever thought the way to deal with the communists (whether of Russia, Red China or Cuba) was to get along with them by letting them go their way while you go yours - you'll never think so again after reading this book. And never will you think too harshly of those American boys who succumbed to brainwashing. They failed because we had not prepared them for this experience at home, in school, in church, or in the armed forces.

Many did not fail. In spite of starvation, brutalities and mental pressure they kept their heads. Their stories of how they fought brainwashing and won are as illuminating as they are thrilling.

Brainwashing is here to stay - as long as there is communism. You and I and our children had better understand it, know how to protect ourselves from it, and take measures to defeat it. This we can do, thanks to Edward Hunter. - Cortland G. Smith

## ADVISE AND CONSENT

A paperbound edition of Allen Drury's best-selling novel about Washington, **ADVISE AND CONSENT**, is now available at \$.95 per copy. The permanent hardcover edition is also still available at \$5.75.

## MORALS AND MISSILES

"A lot of people are trying to raise the moral tone of the country these days. President Kennedy has issued a code of ethics for administration officials. Defense Secretary McNamara has done the same for the armed services. And Commerce Secretary Hodges has a group working on a code for businessmen..."

"In 1946, I drove up the road from Naples to Rome...past primitive villages where people live much as their ancestors did centuries ago. 'Things haven't changed very much here since the apostle Paul went to Rome to be tried by Caesar,' I thought. Then I realized those early people knew as much as we do about how to live and die. They had the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule and faith in God.

"Instead of a new code of ethics made in Washington, I'd like to see a big do-it-yourself campaign for the old one. For it seems to me the real strength of our nation is not in our missiles. It's in our morals.

- *Frank Holeman in the*  
*N. Y. DAILY NEWS*

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## NO HONEST ABE

"If Abraham Lincoln had lived today (he) would have government protection of the minimum wage law and social security. Unemployment insurance would have been paid to him if wages offered were not satisfactory...He would have received a subsidy for rail splitting, another for raising some crop he was going to raise anyway, and still another subsidy for not raising a crop he had no intention of raising. The rail splitting labor union would increase his wages periodically.

"Result: There would have been no Abraham Lincoln."

- Rosetown (Sask., Canada) EAGLE

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